



PTO/SB/08a (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/647,787
Filing Date	26-AUG-2003
First Named Inventor	RONDEAU, Pierre
Art Unit	3616
Examiner Name	FLEMING, Faye M
Attorney Docket Number	RP-00128-US55

U P D O U					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	1	US- 4,300,706	11/1981	Hendrick, et al.	
	2	US- 4,527,831	07/1985	Katsuoka, Tatsuzo	
	3	US- 4,691,963	09/1987	Mikuniya, et al.	
	4	US- 4,800,986	01/1989	Hayes, III, James C.	
	5	US- 6,105,721	08/2000	Haynes, Rusty	
	6	US- 4,860,850	08/1989	Hirotake, Takahashi	
	7	US- 6,622,806	09/2003	Matsuura, Tatsuya	
	8	US- 5,458,390	10/1995	Gilbert, Randy B.	
	9	US- 5,765,917	06/1998	Johnson	
	10	US- 6,672,916	01/2004	Lent-Phillips et al.	
	11	US- 6,698,782	03/2004	Bouchard, Michel	
	12	US- 6,755,269	06/2004	Davis et al.	
	13	US- 2003/0150659A1	08/2003	Fournier et al.	
	14	US- 2004/0031640A1	02/2004	De la Poterie et al.	
	15	US- 2004/0206568A1	10/2004	Davis et al.	
		US-			
		US-			
		US-			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				
	16	WO 00/76794A1	12/2000			
	17	WO 03/042026A1	05/2003			

Examiner  
SignatureDate  
Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.